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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

THE ETERNALS™



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WE'VE
FOUND IT--
THE TOMB
OF THE
**SPACE
GODS!**

AND THEY'RE
NOT DEAD! LOOK
TO THE **STARS!**

**THE GODS ARE
COMING BACK!**



FIRST ISSUE!

THE START OF
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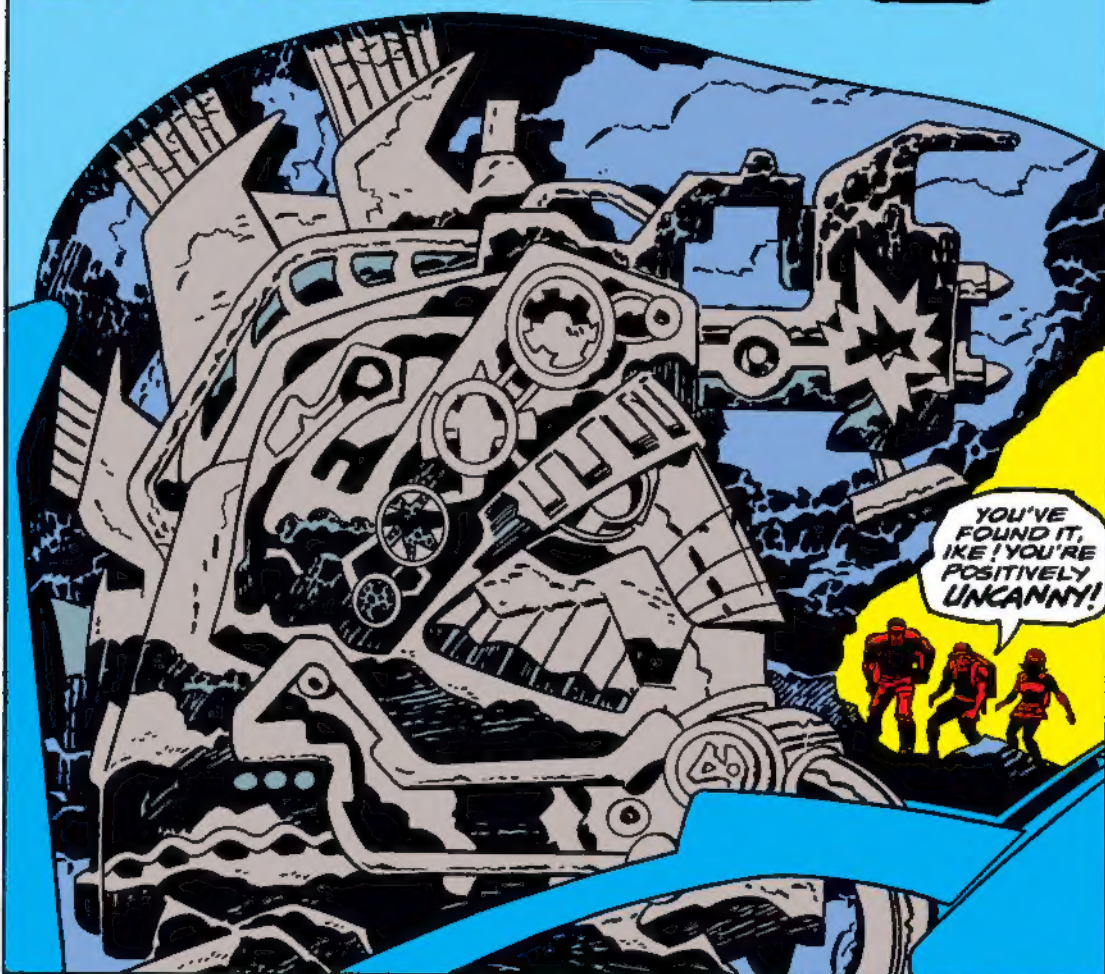
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PRESENTS:

THE ETERNALS!

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IS MAN ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE? EVERY MYTH AND LEGEND TO EMERGE FROM THE DISTANT PAST POINTS TO A STRANGE VISITATION FROM THE STARS!! BEINGS OF GREAT POWER HAVE BEEN ON THIS EARTH--AND THEN DEPARTED! WHO WERE THEY? WHAT DID THEY DO HERE? WHERE HAVE THEY GONE? THESE AWESOME QUESTIONS CREATE THE BACKGROUND FOR THIS EXCITING NEW SAGA OF A DAY WHICH LIES AHEAD... THE DAY OF ANSWERS...

THE DAY OF THE GODS



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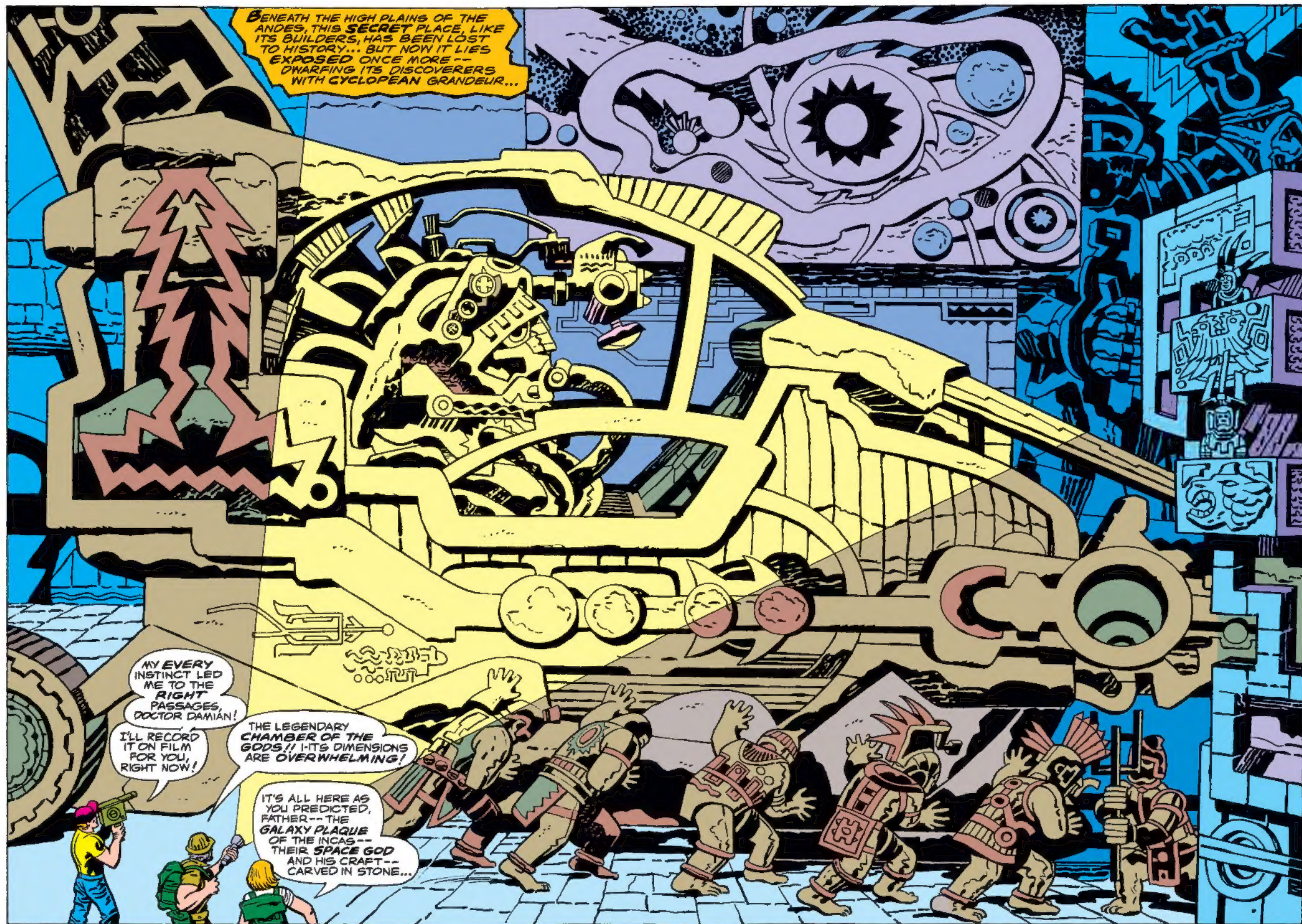
BENEATH THE HIGH PLAINS OF THE ANDES, THIS SECRET PLACE, LIKE ITS BUILDERS, HAS BEEN LOST TO HISTORY... BUT NOW IT LIES EXPOSED ONCE MORE-- DWARFING ITS DISCOVERERS WITH CYCLOPEAN GRANDEUR...

MY EVERY INSTINCT LED ME TO THE RIGHT PASSAGES, DOCTOR DAMIAN!

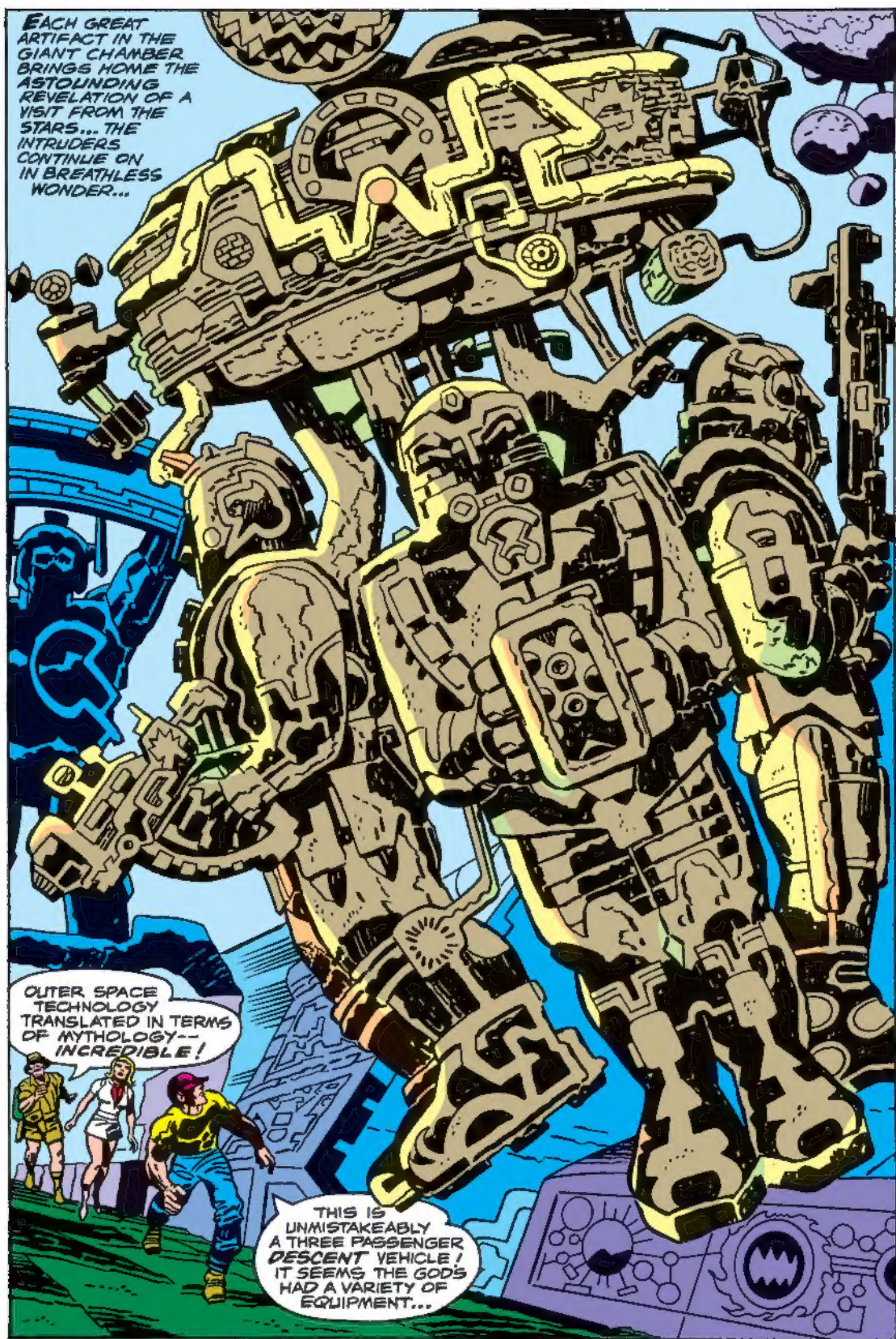
I'LL RECORD IT ON FILM FOR YOU, RIGHT NOW!

THE LEGENDARY CHAMBER OF THE GODS!! ITS DIMENSIONS ARE OVERWHELMING!

IT'S ALL HERE AS YOU PREDICTED, FATHER-- THE GALAXY PLAQUE OF THE INCAS-- THEIR SPACE GOD AND HIS CRAFT-- CARVED IN STONE...

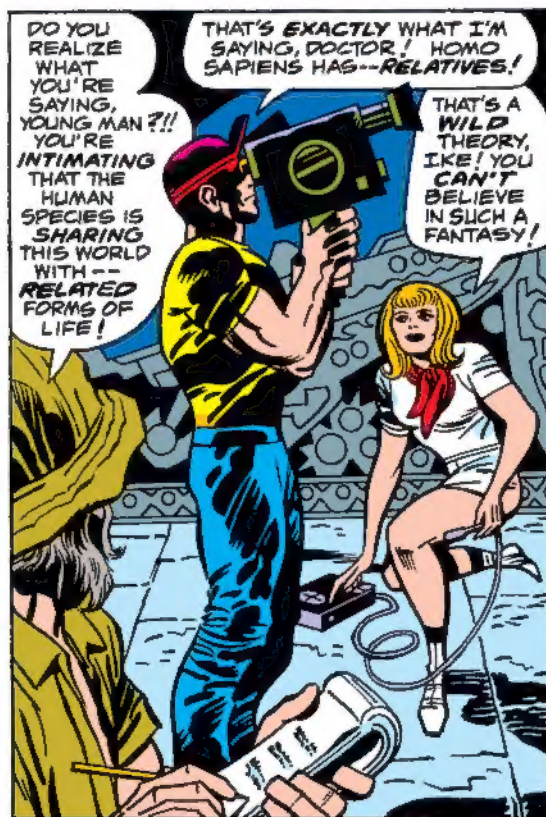


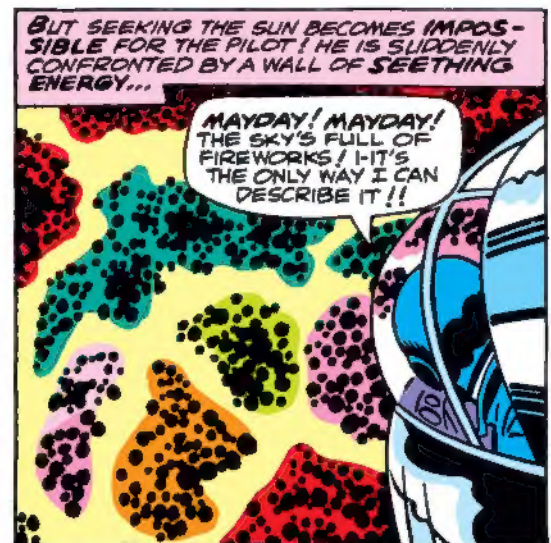
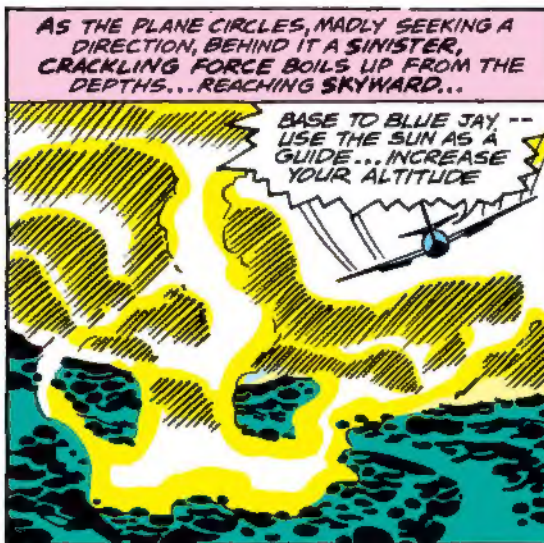
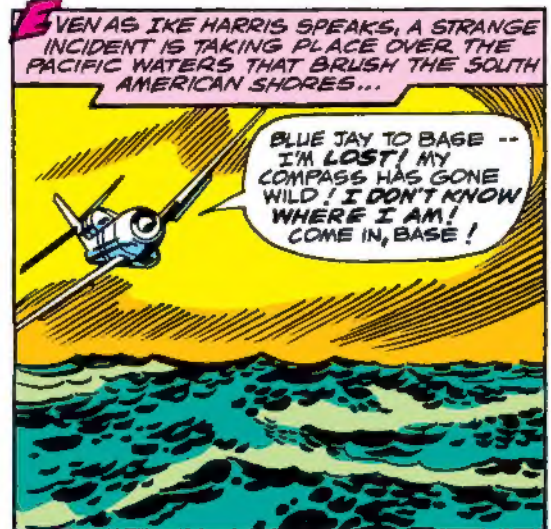
EACH GREAT
ARTIFACT IN THE
GIANT CHAMBER
BRINGS HOME THE
ASTOUNDING
REVELATION OF A
VISIT FROM THE
STARS... THE
INTRUDERS
CONTINUE ON
IN BREATHLESS
WONDER...

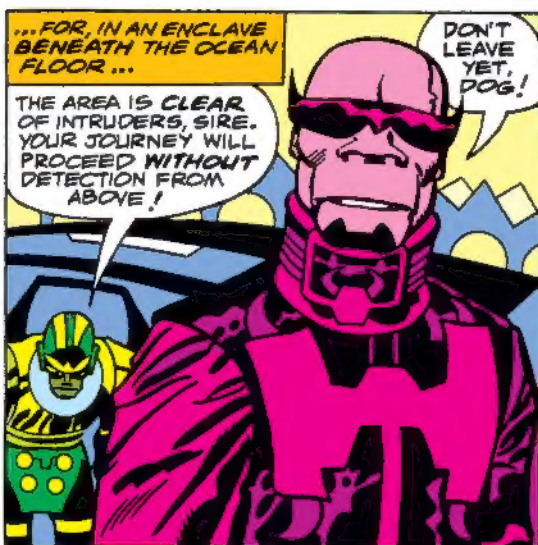
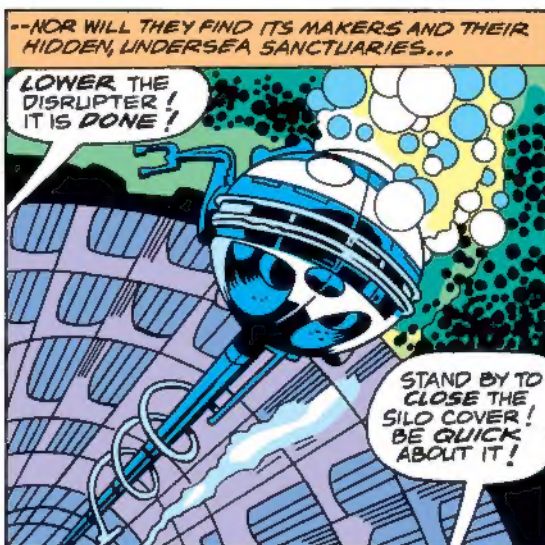
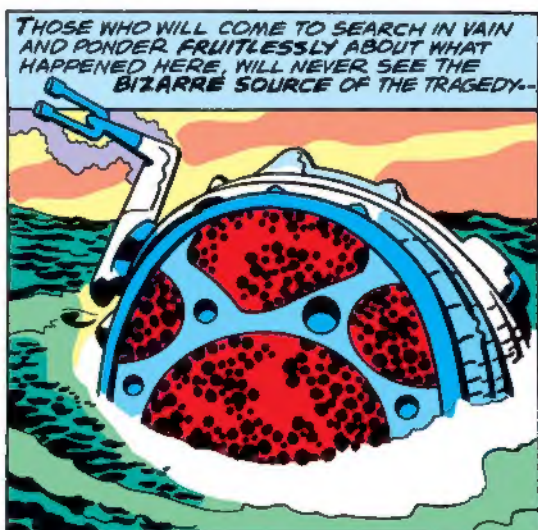
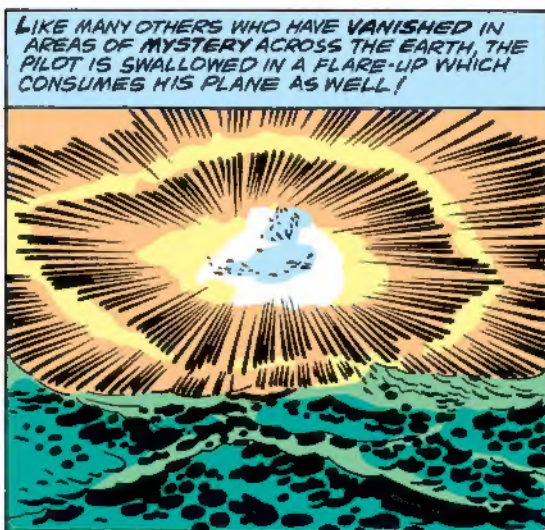
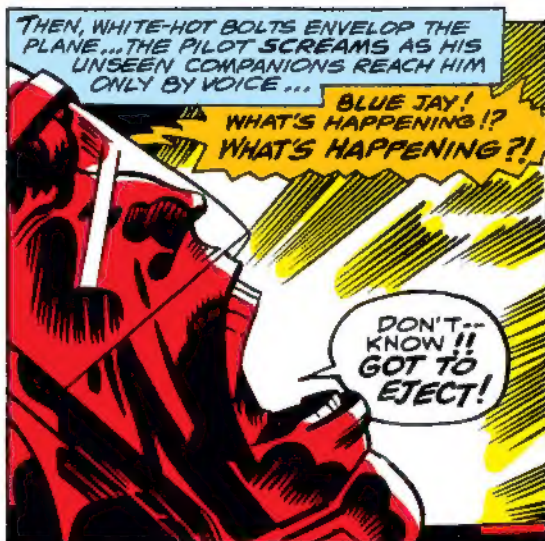


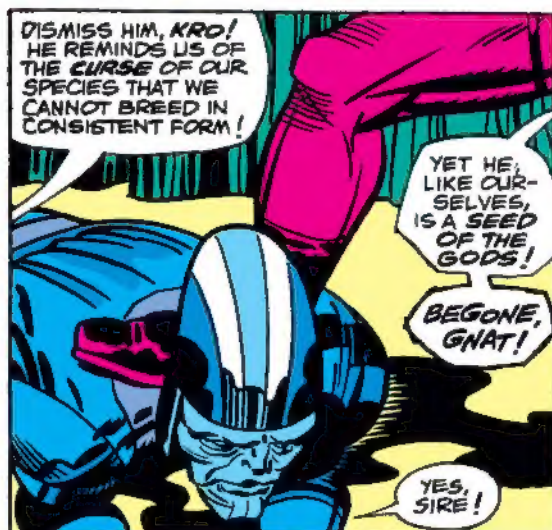
OUTER SPACE
TECHNOLOGY
TRANSLATED IN TERMS
OF MYTHOLOGY--
INCREDIBLE!

THIS IS
UNMISTAKEABLY
A THREE PASSENGER
DESCENT VEHICLE!
IT SEEMS THE GODS
HAD A VARIETY OF
EQUIPMENT...

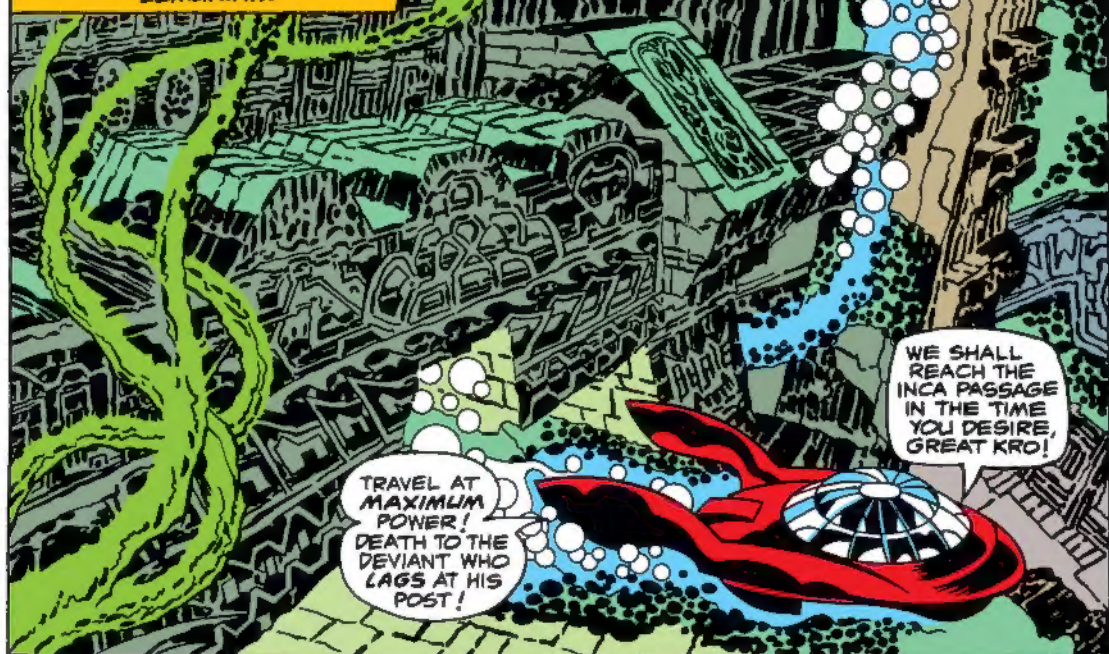








SOON AFTER, AN UNDERSEA CRAFT SPEEDS FROM THE SUNKEN RUINS OF WHAT WAS ONCE PART OF A FABLED CITY... THE SURVIVORS OF THAT DISASTROUS BRUSH WITH THE GODS STILL QUAKE WITH THE MEMORY OF DOOMED LEMURIA...



TRAVEL AT
MAXIMUM
POWER!
DEATH TO THE
DEVIAN'T WHO
LAGS AT HIS
POST!

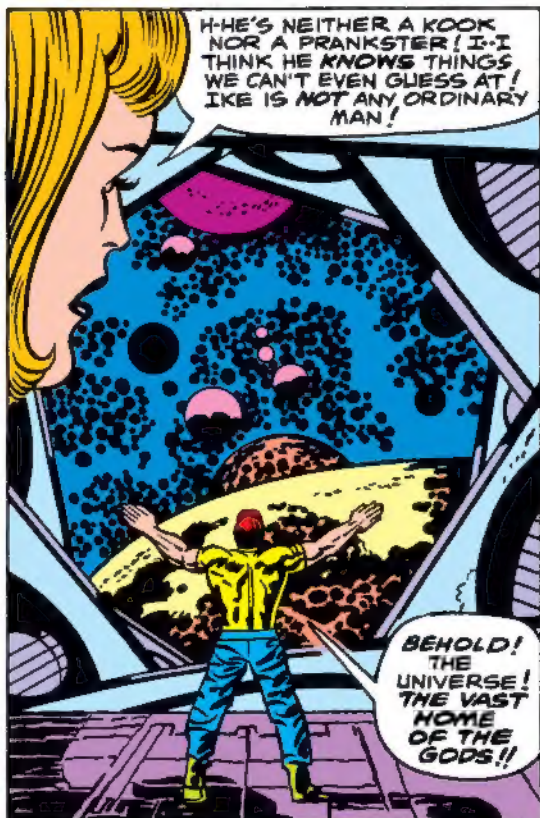
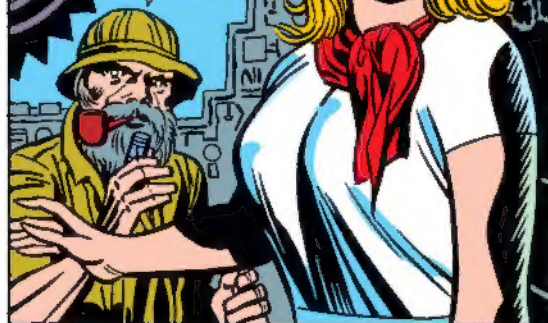
WE SHALL
REACH THE
INCA PASSAGE
IN THE TIME
YOU DESIRE,
GREAT KRO!

THE GOD CHAMBER, AT THIS MOMENT, HAS REVEALED YET ANOTHER SURPRISE. MARGO DAMIAN AND HER FATHER TURN FROM THEIR TAPE RECORDING TO STARE IN WIDE-EYED WONDER AS A GREAT WALL PARTS TO DISPLAY A MIRROR-IMAGE OF DEEP SPACE...

MARGO! LOOK!
IKE HARRIS' AMAZING
INSTINCTS HAVE
UNCOVERED
SOME SORT OF
TELESCOPIC
GADGETRY!

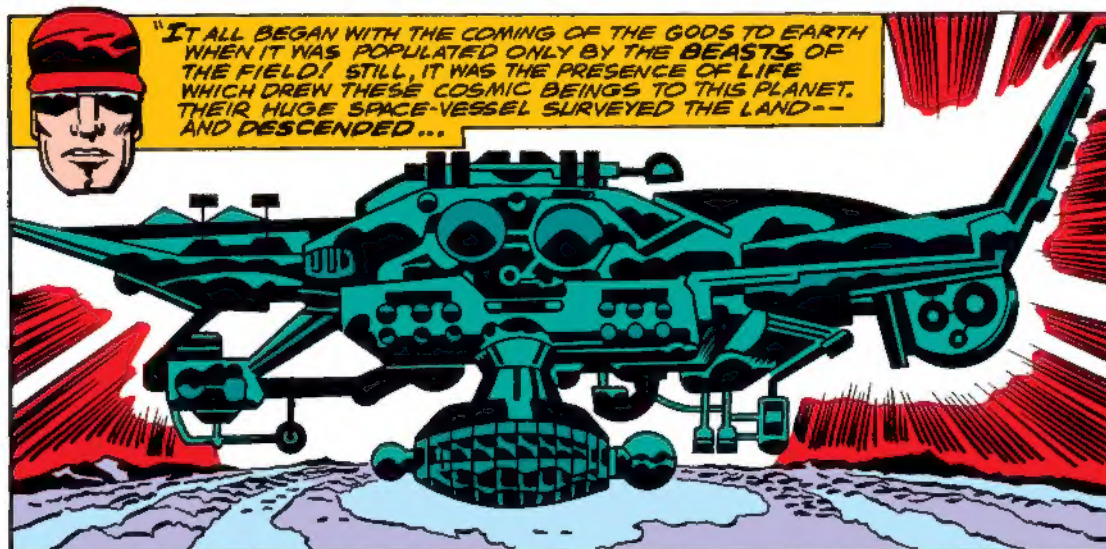
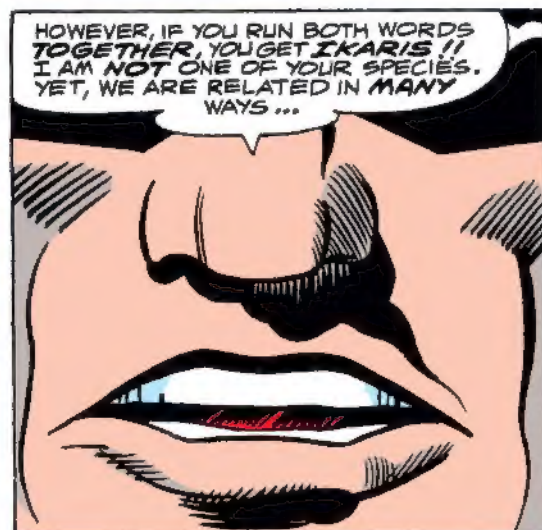
THE INCAS DON'T
CONCERN ME NOW,
DAD! I-I-T'S IKE
HARRIS WHO
FRIGHTENS ME!

BUT THE INCAS
WEREN'T ADVANCED
ENOUGH TO HAVE
BUILT ANYTHING
THAT COMPLEX!



H-HE'S NEITHER A KOOK
NOR A PRANKSTER! I-I
THINK HE KNOWS THINGS
WE CAN'T EVEN GUESS AT!
IKE IS NOT ANY ORDINARY
MAN!

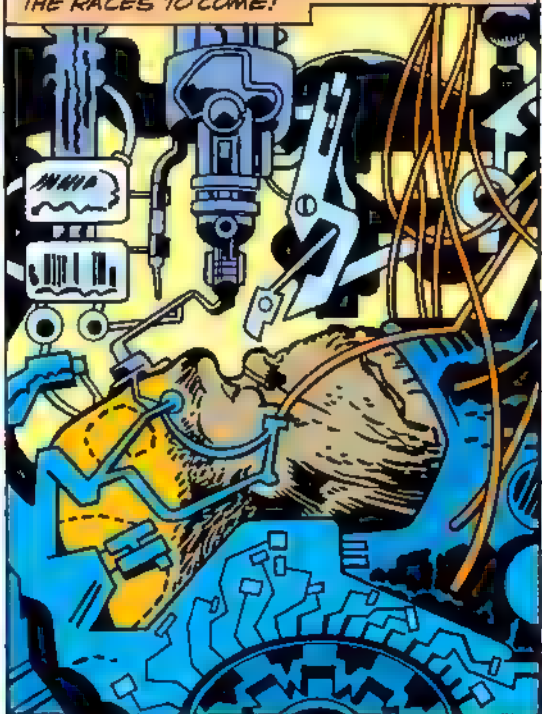
BEHOLD!
THE
UNIVERSE!
THE VAST
HOME
OF THE
GODS!!



IT WAS THEN THAT THE GODS PROCEEDED WITH THEIR MISSION...THEY CHOSE TO CHANGE THE DESTINY OF A LIFE-FORM NEW TO THE EVOLUTIONARY CHAIN--THE APE! A SPECIMEN WAS TRAPPED AND TAKEN ALIVE.



"ONLY THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE GODS COULD DO WHAT WAS DONE IN THAT MOMENTOUS TIME! TO THE APE WAS GIVEN THE COSMIC CHEMISTRY THAT WOULD FATHER THE RACES TO COME!"



"IN THIS MANNER, THE DAWN APE BECAME THE COMMON ANCESTOR OF THREE POWERFUL NEW SPECIES..."

**"THE DEVIANT!
AN EVER-CHANGING
AND DESTRUCTIVE
FAILURE."**



STRUCTURALLY UNSTABLE, EACH NEW GENERATION OF DEVIANT APPEARED IN NEW AND MONSTROUS WAYS. HIS LOT WAS CONSTANT WAR.

**"THE HUMAN!
THIS SPECIES BREED
WITH TRUE BALANCE
OF STRUCTURE AND
DISPOSITION.
ALTHOUGH HE WAS A
DESTROYER, THE
HUMAN WAS CAPABLE
OF BUILDING FOR
PEACE."**

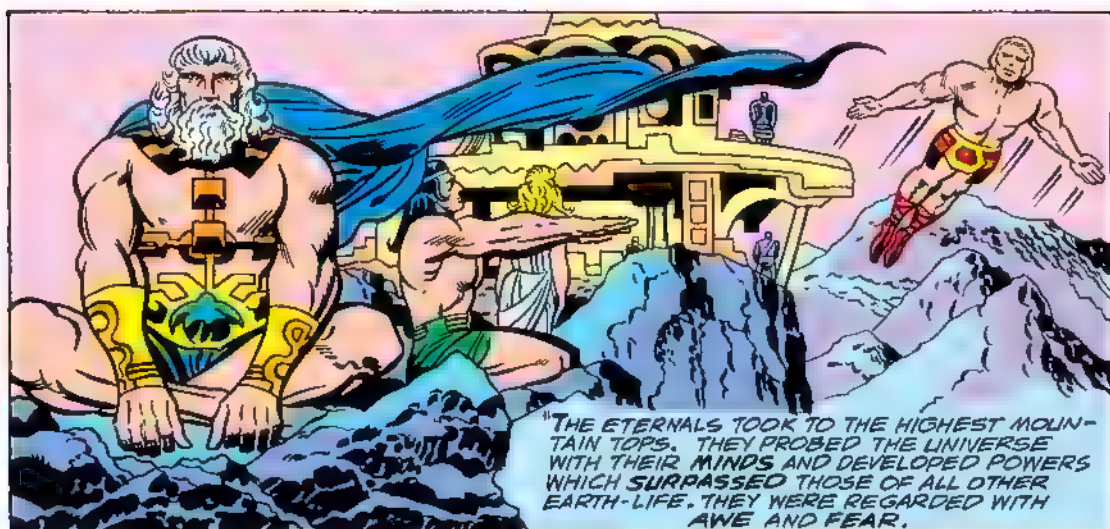
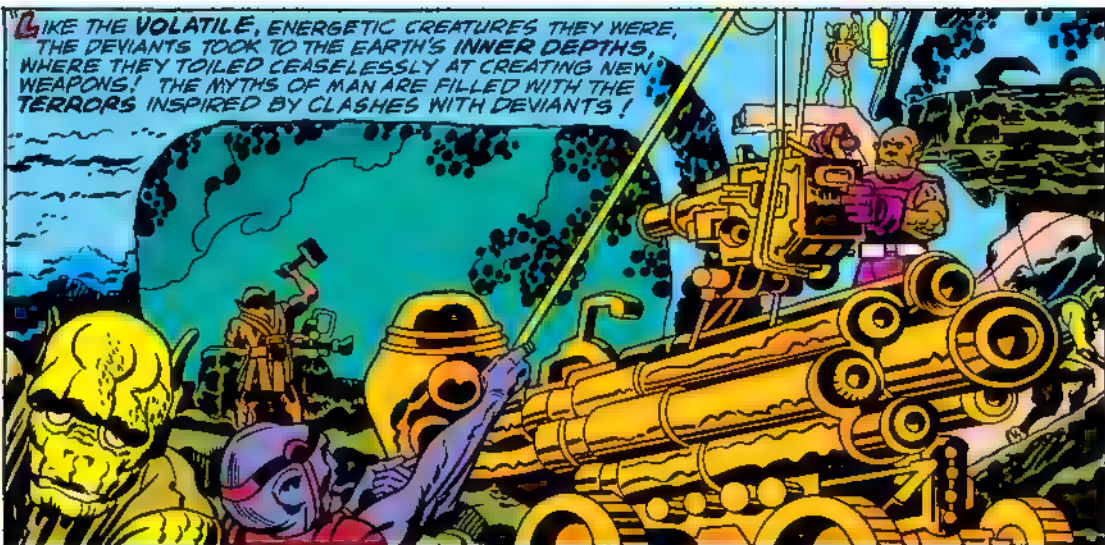


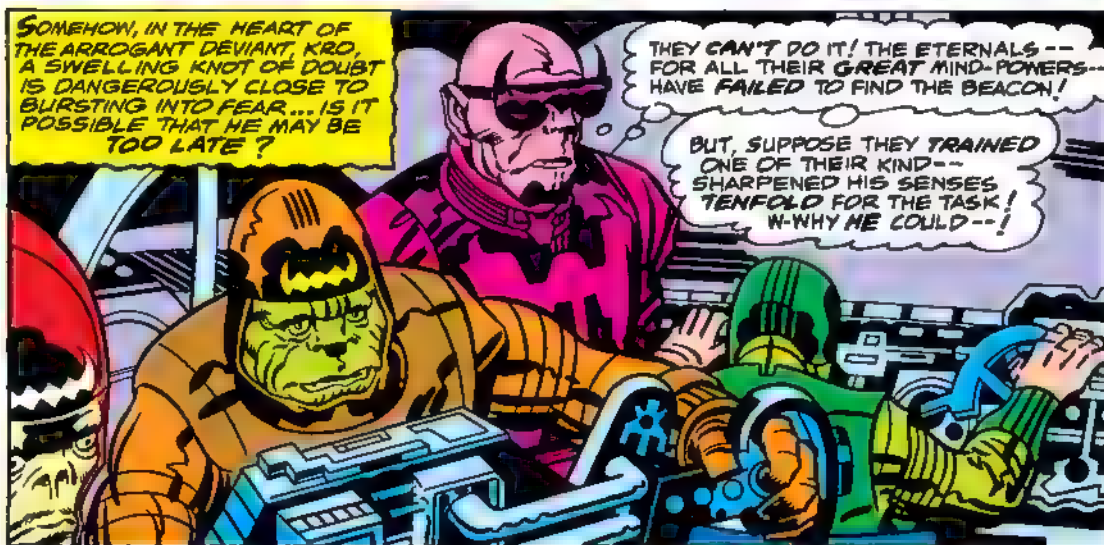
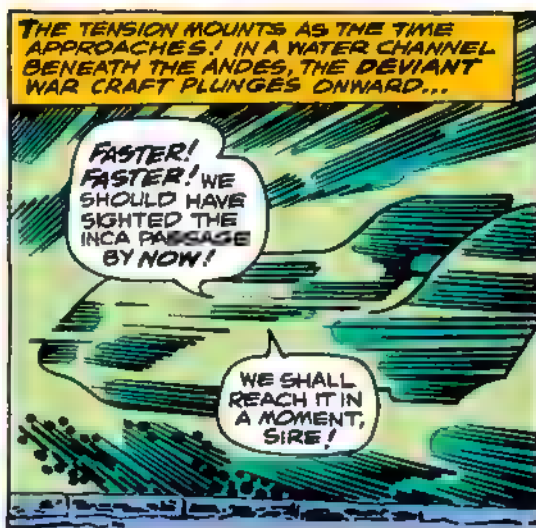
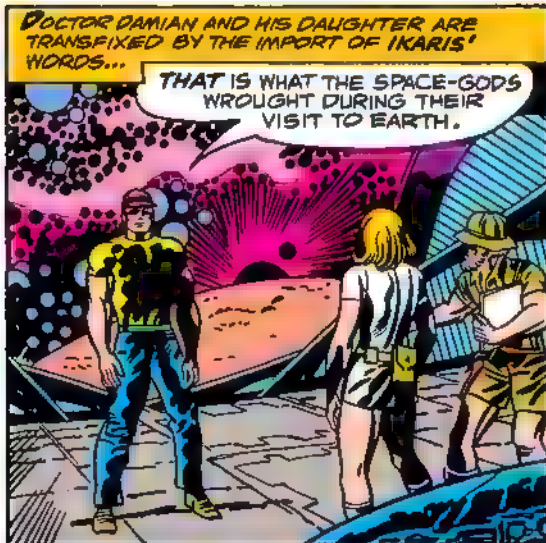
**HIS KIND WAS
DESTINED TO
INHERIT THE EARTH.
HE BELONGED TO IT.**

**"THE ETERNAL!
HE WAS MORE A CHILD
OF THE GODS THAN OF
EARTH... HE REACHED
FOR THE UNIVERSE!"**



**THE ETERNALS BREED
FEW IN NUMBER AND
WERE IMMUNE TO TIME
AND DEATH! LIKE THE
GODS, THEY LIVED
APART FROM ALL
OTHER LIVING
BEINGS.**





SUDDENLY, A GIANT STONE HEAD LOOMS INTO VIEW.

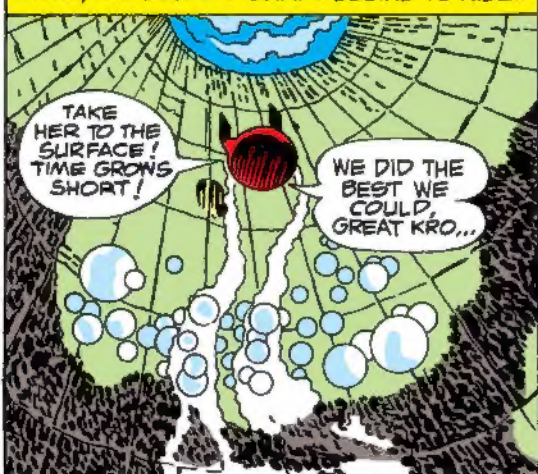
WE'VE REACHED
THE INCA PASSAGE,
SIRE...THE MAMMOTH
WELL LIES AHEAD!



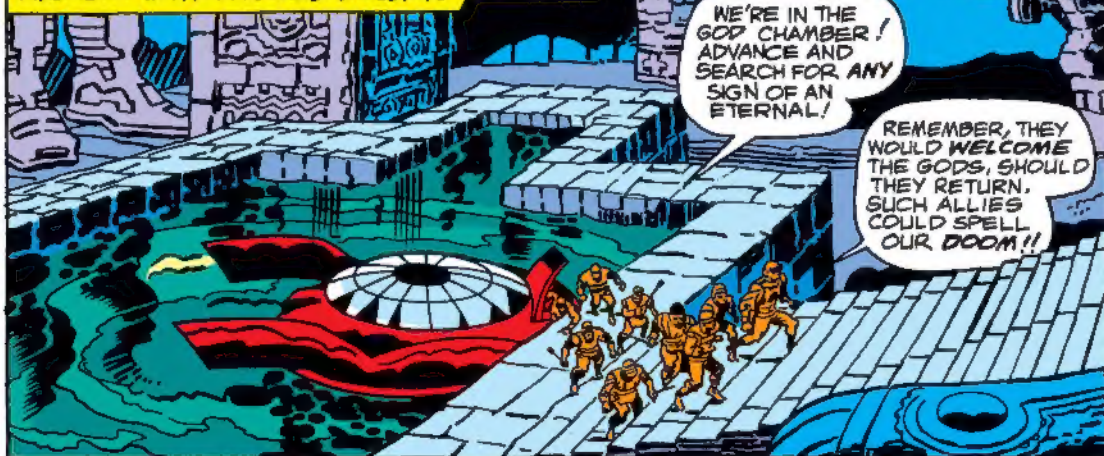
INSIDE THE HUGE DRAGON'S HEAD, THE WATER CHANNEL MERGES WITH A GIANT WELL... THERE, THE DEVIANT CRAFT BEGINS TO RISE...

TAKE
HER TO THE
SURFACE!
TIME GROWS
SHORT!

WE DID THE
BEST WE
COULD,
GREAT KRO...



THE UNDERSEA VESSEL NO SOONER BOBS TO THE SURFACE, THAN A FORWARD HATCH OPENS AND KRO EMERGES WITH AN ARMED ESCORT.



WE'RE IN THE
GOD CHAMBER!
ADVANCE AND
SEARCH FOR ANY
SIGN OF AN
ETERNAL!

REMEMBER, THEY
WOULD WELCOME
THE GODS, SHOULD
THEY RETURN.
SUCH ALLIES
COULD SPELL
OUR DOOM!!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

SIRE! LISTEN!
WE'VE BEEN
UNDONE! THAT
IS SURELY THE
SOUND OF THE
COSMIC BEACON!

BY THE FLAMING
PITS! AN ETERNAL
HAS BEEN AT
WORK HERE!

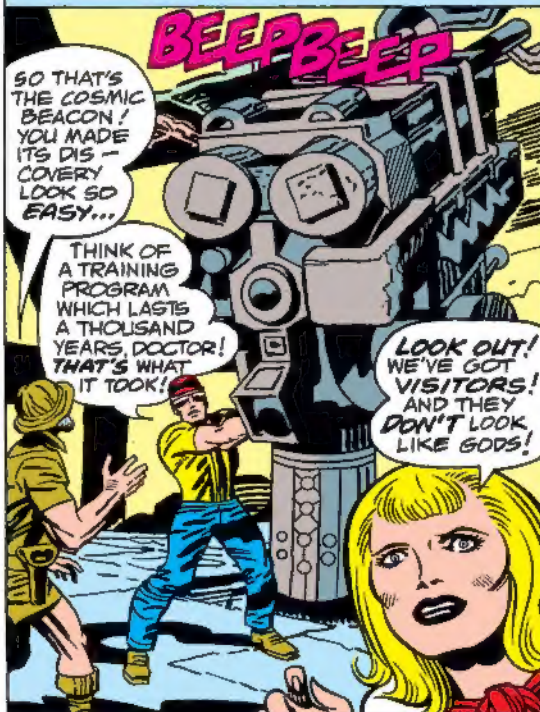


BUT THERE IS
STILL SOME TIME
LEFT! WE CAN
WASTE HIS
EFFORTS! WE
CAN DESTROY
THE COSMIC
BEACON!

I SEE THE FOE!
IT'S IKARIS OF
THE POLAR
MOUNTAINS!



THE GODS HAD SECURED THEIR SECRETS WELL...THEY'D DONE IT WITH MIND BLOCKS! BUT AN ETERNAL HAS BROKEN THROUGH AT LAST...THE BEACON IS ACTIVATED!

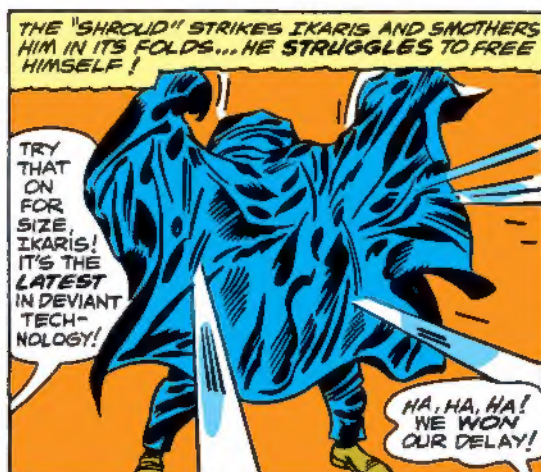
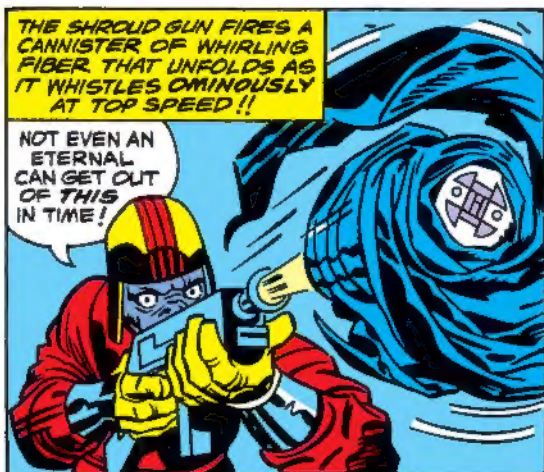
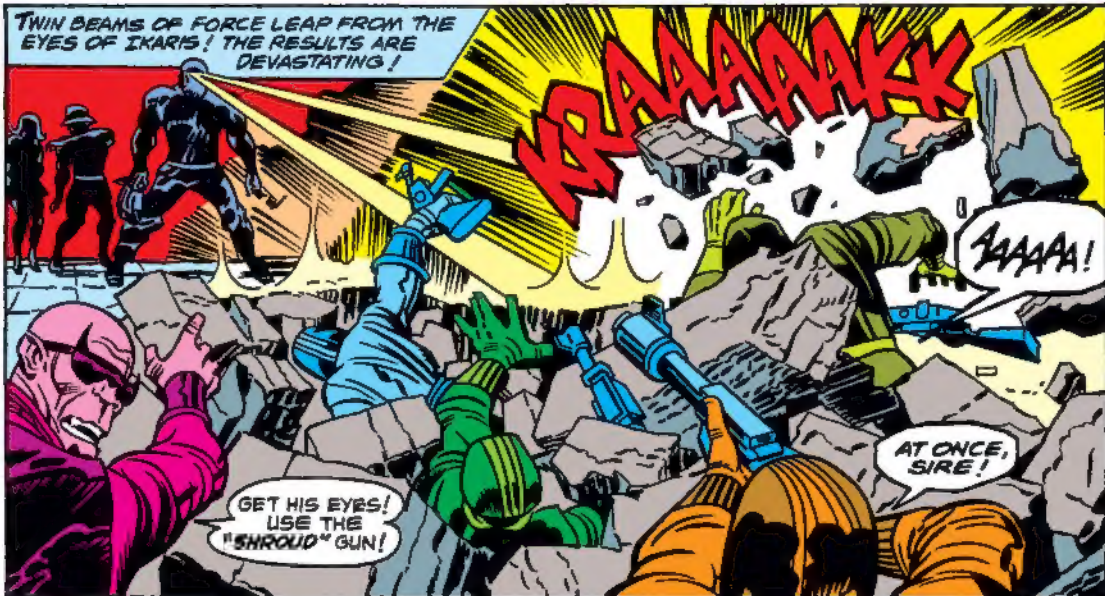


IKARIS REACTS WITH LIGHTNING SPEED! HIS MIND SEIZES THE VERY ATOMS OF THE AIR AND MOLDS THEM INTO AN IMPENETRABLE SHIELD...



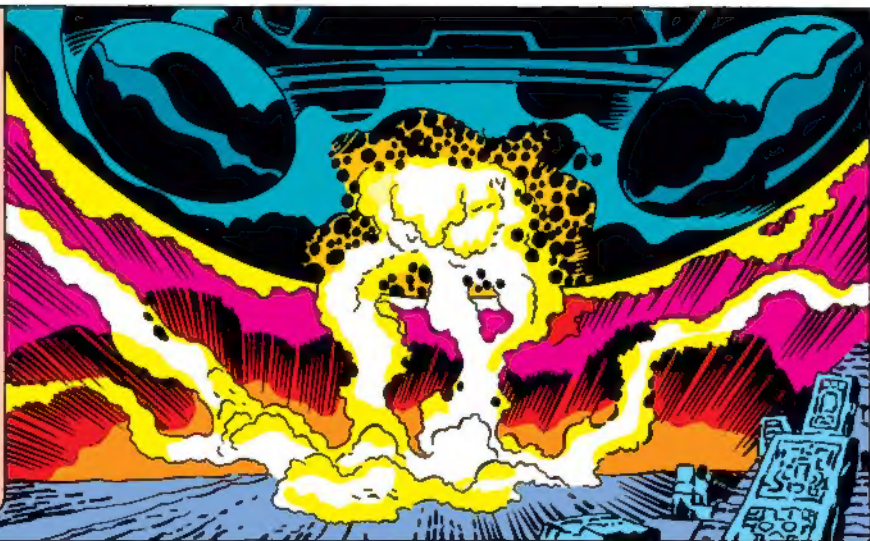
THE ETERNAL REMOVES HIS CAP AND GLASSES TO REVEAL THE FEATURES WHICH MARK HIS KIND... IT IS THE EYES THAT RELEASE THE POWERS STORED IN THE DYNAMICS OF THE ETERNAL BRAIN! IT IS THE EYES WHICH THE DEVIANTS FEAR!!





AT THAT MOMENT, THE ENTIRE PLANET SEEMS TO SHAKE FROM A MIGHTY SOUND WHICH HASN'T BEEN HEARD SINCE ANCIENT TIMES!

A GIGANTIC SHADOW DARKENS THE PLAIN WHERE THE RUINS STAND. SOMETHING WHICH HAS SHATTERED TIME AND SPACE TO FIND A PEBBLE CALLED "EARTH"... NOW DESCENDS WITH OVER-POWERING MAJESTY!!

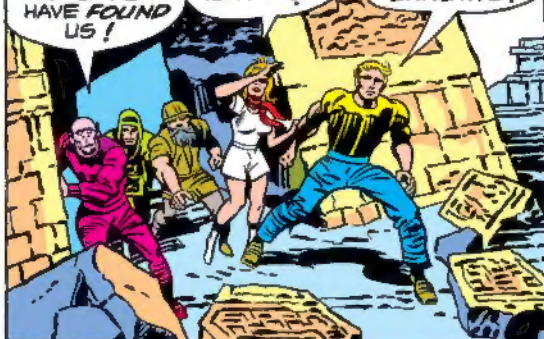


THE BATTLE IN THE GOD CHAMBER IS HALTED AS QUICKLY AS IT BEGAN. SHOCKED INTO SILENCE, THE COMBATANTS SLOWLY EMERGE FROM THE RUIN.

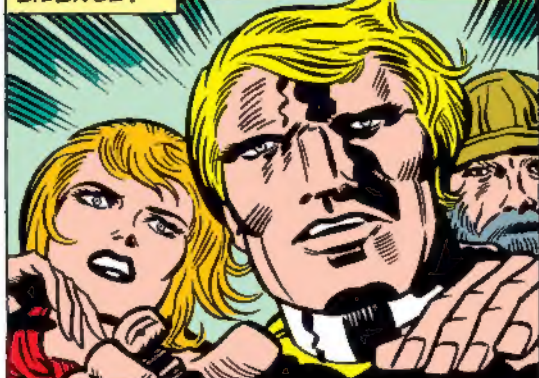
TOO LATE! I'VE FOUGHT IN VAIN! THE GODS HAVE FOUND US!

IKARIS! I--I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT IS IT--?

WHAT HE SAYS IS TRUE! THE GODS ARE LANDING!



THE WITNESSES TO THIS EVENT STARE AT WHAT IS HAPPENING--UNABLE TO ABSORB WHAT THIS MEANS TO THEIR LIVES, TO THE EXISTENCE OF ALL LIFE ON EARTH! FOR, THE GODS TOWER OVER TIME ITSELF! THEY CAN ONLY BE MET WITH HUSHED SILENCE.



THEN--THE SILENCE IS BROKEN.

THE DEVIANTS SHALL FIGHT TO THE LAST.

HOW CAN YOU FIGHT WHAT YOU HAVEN'T YET SEEN?

WE SHALL SEE THEM NOW--AND IN DOING SO, LEARN MORE ABOUT OURSELVES THEN WE HAVE EVER KNOWN!



IT IS SOMEHOW FITTING THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF EARTH'S THREE DOMINANT RACES ARE ON HAND TO MEET THE MASTER IMAGE IMPRINTED ON THEIR GENES. WHAT DO THE GODS LOOK LIKE? WHAT CAN THEY DO TO AN UNSUSPECTING EARTH?

FOR THE SAKE OF THE GODS-- GET THE NEXT ISSUE!! READ THE

Celestials From Space!